

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method, comprising:
2 examining start criteria;
3 determining whether the start criteria have been met;
4 obtaining new email events from an email database after the start criteria have
5 been met; and
6 forwarding information corresponding to the new email events via a computer
7 network to a database.
- 1 2. A system stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:
2 a client configuration engine for determining whether start criteria have been met;
3 a retrieval engine, coupled to the client configuration engine, for retrieving email
4 events from an email database; and
5 a data transmitter, coupled to the retrieval engine, for forwarding information
6 corresponding to the new email events via a computer network to a database.
- 1 3. A method, comprising:
2 establishing a communications channel with a client computer system;
3 receiving information corresponding to new email events from the client
4 computer system; and
5 storing the information corresponding to the new email events in a database.
- 1 4. A system stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:
2 a server database manager for establishing a communications channel with a
3 client computer system, for receiving information corresponding to new email events
4 from the client computer system, and for storing the information corresponding to the
5 new email events in a database.

1 5. A method, comprising:
2 obtaining filter control data;
3 examining email data against the filter control data;
4 determining at least one transfer protocol for the email data based on the
5 examination; and
6 forwarding the email data according to the at least one transfer protocol via a
7 computer network to a database.

1 6. A system stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:
2 a filter for examining email data against filter control data, and for determining at
3 least one transfer protocol for the email data based on the examination; and
4 a data transmitter, coupled to the filter, for forwarding the email data according to
5 the at least one transfer protocol via a computer network to a database.

1 7. A method, comprising:
2 obtaining filter control data;
3 examining email data against the filter control data;
4 determining based on the examination the email data that should not be
5 forwarded;
6 generating receipt data identifying the email data that should not be forwarded;
7 and
8 forwarding the receipt data via a computer network to a database.

1 8. A system stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:
2 a filter for examining email data against filter control data, and determining based
3 on the examination the email data that should not be forwarded;
4 a receipt generator, coupled to the filter, for generating receipt data identifying the
5 email data that should not be forwarded; and
6 a data transmitter, coupled to the filter, for forwarding the receipt data via a
7 computer network to a database.

9. A method, comprising:

storing user preferences on a client computer system;
storing an independently modifiable copy of the user preferences on a server
computer system coupled via a computer network to the client computer system;
examining, by the client computer system, a configuration-check schedule;
determining, by the client computer system, whether a configuration check has
been scheduled;
establishing, by the client computer system if a configuration check has been
scheduled, a communications channel with the server computer system;
determining whether any changes to the independently modifiable copy of the
user preferences stored on the server computer system have been made; and
modifying, if any changes have been made to the independently modifiable copy,
the user preferences stored on the client computer system according to the changes made.

10. A system stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:

a client configuration engine for storing user preferences on a client computer
system, for storing an independently modifiable copy of the user preferences on a server
computer system that is coupled via a computer network to the client computer system,
for examining a configuration-check schedule to determine whether a configuration
check has been scheduled, for determining whether any changes to the independently
modifiable copy have been made, and for modifying the user preferences stored on a
client computer system according to the changes made to the independently modifiable
copy; and

a communications engine, coupled to the client configuration engine, for
establishing a communications channel with the server computer system if a
configuration check has been scheduled.

1 11. A method, comprising:

2 storing on a server computer system an independently modifiable copy of user
3 preferences stored on a client computer system, the server computer system coupled via a
4 computer network to the client computer system;

5 enabling modification of the independently modifiable copy of the user
6 preferences on the server computer system;

7 establishing a communications channel with the client computer system; and

8 providing any changes made since a last configuration check to the client
9 computer system.

1 12. A system stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:

2 a database for storing an independently modifiable copy of user preferences
3 stored on a client computer system, the server computer system coupled via a computer
4 network to the client computer system;

5 a server configuration engine for enabling modification of the independently
6 modifiable copy of the user preferences on the server computer system, for establishing a
7 communications channel with the client computer system, and for providing any changes
8 made since a last configuration check to the client computer system.

1 13. A method, comprising:

2 providing website information offering email forwarding functionality to client
3 computer systems;

4 enabling the client computer systems to request the email forwarding functionality
5 to be downloaded;

6 receiving a request for the email forwarding functionality from a requesting client
7 computer system; and

8 downloading an email forwarding engine to the requesting client computer system
9 for enabling the email forwarding functionality on the requesting client computer system.

1 14. A system stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:
2 website information offering email forwarding functionality to client computer
3 systems;
4 an email forwarding engine, coupled to the website information, for enabling the
5 email forwarding functionality on the client computer systems; and
6 a web server for enabling the client computer systems to request the email
7 forwarding functionality to be downloaded, and for downloading the email forwarding
8 engine to a requesting client computer system.